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1. The attached tentative listing of congressmen to receive a special briefing was developed by including the names of senior congressmen who serve on CIA subcommittees or occupy senior positions in the full committees concerned with CIA.

a. Specifically included are all members of the CIA subcommittees of the full Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

b. Included are all the members of the CIA subcommittees of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees.

c. By including the full membership of the CIA subcommittees there are automatically included the chairmen and ranking minority members of each of the Senate and House Appropriations and Armed Services Committees.

d. By inclusion of Senator Johnson as a member of the CIA subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services, we have also included the majority floor leader of the Senate and Senator Mansfield is included as the majority whip of the Senate.

e. Senator Jackson is listed by virtue of his being Chairman of the Military Applications Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and his membership on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

f. Senator Symington is included as being Chairman of the Air Force Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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g. Representative Sam Rayburn is included as the Speaker of the House.

h. Representative John W. McCormack is included as majority floor leader of the House and membership on the House Committee on Government Operations.

i. Representative Porter Hardy, Jr. is included as Chairman of the International Operations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations. (Representative William L. Dawson, Chairman of the full Committee, has delegated full authority to this Subcommittee for CIA matters.)

2. The listing establishes a pattern of including the leadership in those areas of interest to the Agency. For other reasons it is assumed that there should be a number of deletions from this tentative listing.

3. A great many of the congressmen appear to be present in Washington at this time, and it may be desirable to attempt this special briefing in early December before the holidays and certainly before Congress convenes. It is suggested that the White House be consulted on the proposed briefing. As to invitations to the persons on a final list, this could be done by a letter from the DCI mentioning the unique and special nature of the briefing to be followed by personal visits to sketch the nature of the briefing in an effort to secure attendance of as many as possible.